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Supervisor Derry Shepherds Project to Convert Solid Waste into Energy

*Effort to extend lifespan of county landfill facilities and meet state mandate
gets green light for first phase*

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – San Bernardino County voted to authorize the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the construction of a municipal solid waste conversion technology project that would extend the lifespan of county landfills and meet state mandated waste diversion requirements.

Since taking office, Supervisor Neil Derry has led the effort to adopt solid waste conversion technologies. He has spearheaded meetings with county staff to seek out these initiatives citing their anticipatory costs savings to county taxpayers and efficient use of resources while being environmentally conscious.

“The ability to take household waste and convert upwards of 90 percent of it to actual energy represents somewhat of a “holy grail,” Supervisor Derry said. “And we are on the brink of creating a win-win scenario for taxpayers and the environment.”

While several different versions of the technology are competing for economic viability in the free market, a private company would take our “trash” and convert it into various energy products like electricity or gas and then be able to sell these to buyers to seek a profit.

“In this case, another person’s trash may very well be another person’s treasure,” Supervisor Derry stated.

Supervisor Derry previously worked for Southern California Edison and installed a solar powered electrical system and several energy efficient features on his home that provided more than enough energy to handle his household’s annual consumption.